

# **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT BOARD**

**19<sup>th</sup> September 2013**

## **GRANT THORNTON RESPONSES TO CHALLENGE QUESTIONS**

Relevant Portfolio Holder	Councillor Roger Hollingworth
Portfolio Holder Consulted	Yes
Relevant Head of Service	Jayne Pickering, Executive Director Finance and Resources
Wards Affected	None.

### **1. SUMMARY OF PROPOSALS**

To enable members to consider the responses to the challenge questions raised by Grant Thornton at the last Board meeting.

### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 **The Board is asked consider the responses.**

### **3. KEY ISSUES**

3.1 The External Auditors ( Grant Thornton ) presented an update report to the last Board meeting which included a number of questions that they asked the Council in relation to a number of financial issues.

3.2 Members requested that officers consider the questions with the aim to provide responses to this meeting.

3.3 The responses are included in Appendix 1, in addition the original report is attached at Appendix 2 for members information as this will give context to the questions.

### **Financial Implications**

3.4 There are no specific financial implications.

### **Legal Implications**

3.5 The preparation and publication of the annual accounts is a statutory function of the Authority and the accounts are prepared in compliance with legislations

### **Service/Operational Implications**

3.6 Officers will continue to work with Members, colleagues and External Audit to ensure the financial pressures on the Council are addressed.

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## **Customer / Equalities and Diversity Implications**

3.7 There are no customer/equalities and diversity implications.

## **4. RISK MANAGEMENT**

4.1 In ensuring controls are in place to mitigate financial risks the Council will be in a more robust position to meet any future pressures.

## **5. APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 - Responses to Challenge Questions  
Appendix 2 - Grant Thornton Emerging Issues Report

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